



## **AMERICAN LEGION** **DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI** **3RD HERD NEWS**



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### **GREETINGS FROM THE DISTRICT 3rd HERD:**

As you can see by the Officers list to the left that we have a new District Commander, Gary Nichols.

Gary is Retired Navy and also retired from the City of Kansas City. He is a dedicated Legionnaire and 40/8 er. Many of you have already met him. Many of you will meet him as Gary's first priority is to bring the District to you. That includes those of you whose Post has not been visited by the District since the invention of the automobile. Gary is a member of Post #58 in Smithville.

We also have some other new additions to this years list.

Donna Warren is our new District Chaplain. Donna is from Post #95 in Liberty.

Chuck Collier is our new Southern Vice from Post#236 in Excelsior Springs and yours truly will be serving as your Northern Vice.

It should be noted that your district is just that, "YOUR DISTRICT." We are here to serve you and your post. Not the other way around. It is our job to assist you with ANY problems or advice that you may need and we are committed to that. However, we cannot help you if you don't ask. The sooner you call us when a problem arises the sooner we can help you resolve that problem BEFORE it gets out of control.

For those of you that don't know, the District is divided into the North and the South. This is not a kickback to the Civil War but is a means to better serve all the Posts more effectively.

All Posts north of Highway 36 are the responsibility of the Northern Vice and include the following posts, #56, #68, #92, #106, #132, #140, #176, #216, # 257, #260, #285, # 508, #515, and #524.

These Posts are South of Highway 36 and the responsibility of the Southern Vice: #33, #58, #61, #95, #97, #117, # 169, #194, #236, #237, #326, #393, #467, #487, #557 and #626.

Membership is the District Vice Commanders primary concern. We will be visiting or calling on you to offer any assistance we can. Please note the word "ASSISTANCE" and nothing else. With the serious decline in the membership of all posts this should be every members concern and, at the District level, that starts with your Vice Commanders.

Twice in the last three years this District went over the top of it's 100% goal. YOU DID THAT!! And while we may not be a district with the same clout as some of the other districts we have made it clear that we are achievers. My challenge to you is to prove, once more, that we are achievers by attaining 100% or more of your Posts goal.

I am not going to waste your time telling you how to make goal. You have already proven that you know how. The question is "ARE YOU A WINNER?"



## **CADET PATROL**

Currently The District does not have a Cadet Patrol Chairman and is looking for a volunteer. Cadet Patrol is a State level program and Missouri is one of only 17 Departments in National that has one. If you would like to a part of this great program then contact your District or Vice Commanders. No experience necessary, we will train.

## **BOYS STATE**

Your Boys State Chairman is Gary Reno. 1301 R0bin Circle, Kearney, MO. 64060-8609.  
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There will be more on this as we get closer.

## **ORATORICAL CONTEST**

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There has been a "MAJOR" change in the District Oratorical Contest. Please make your Post Chairmen aware!!

The District Oratorical Contest will no longer be held immediately after the January District Meeting. Starting this year the Contest will be held on Saturday, January 12th, at 1:00pm at Cameron Post #33 in Cameron, MO. The alternate "Snow Day" will be Saturday January 19th, at 1:00pm, also at the Cameron Post Home.

The District decided to change the contest to a Saturday for several reasons. In hopes of creating more interest in Oratorical in the schools by eliminating Church obligations. By having a District meeting and Oratorical at the same time makes for a very long day. It is also the belief of the District that it might make the contestants more relaxed and give a better performance.

For further information or questions please contact Gary Nichols or Gary Reno.

**Are you drawing Social Security Retirement or getting Close?** Did you know that you may be entitled to additional monetary compensation due to your military service? It's true. There are certain periods of service that servicemen and women earned additional credits for their Active Duty time. Since the dates vary for WW11, Korea, and Viet Nam you may or may not be eligible. If you are currently drawing SS Retirement you should take your DD-214 to your Social Security Office and find out. It's your money, you earned it. So why haven't they told you about this before. Simple, it's our government, they don't want you to know. You can also find out more by visiting [www.ssan.gov](http://www.ssan.gov) on the internet.

**JANUARY DISTRICT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 13th, (alternet snow day is January 20th) AT POST #61, North Kansas City.**

**LUNCH AT 12:00pm, MEETING AT 1:00pm. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



**Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.**

